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MEMORANDUM FOR USIB PRINCIPALS

SUBJECT : Provisional USIB Steering Group on
Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations

The attached memorandum from the Chairman, establishing
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Executive Secretary

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1. The time is clearly at hand when we must consider the implications for the intelligence community of agreement with the USSR on strategic arms limitations. If agreements are reached, we will have a number of new responsibilities: for monitoring Soviet activities in the areas covered; for investigating and reporting on possible Soviet violations or other developments which might warrant challenge or enquiry; for assessing how much might be revealed to the USSR in such a proceeding without unduly jeopardizing intelligence sources and methods. I will probably also be asked to submit periodic reports on the status of Soviet compliance.

2. Much of the task can be handled adequately with established intelligence procedures. In addition, however, I think it essential that I have--and be clearly seen to have--a specific mechanism to assist me in carrying out my monitoring responsibilities and in mobilizing the intelligence community's collection and analytical resources when problems arise.

3. To this end I propose to establish--provisionally, pending actual achievement of an agreement--a USIB Steering Group on Monitoring Strategic Arms Limitations under the chairmanship of General Walters. Because of the sensitivity of the subject matter and the desirability of keeping our staffing arrangements as uncomplicated as possible, I propose to limit membership in the Steering Group to General Bennett for DIA, Dr. Cline for State, and Dr. Proctor

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for CIA. The Steering Group would be expected to call on other USIB committees and intelligence community components for assistance as necessary to insure that the full resources of the community are brought to bear on the monitoring problem.



Richard Helms
Chairman

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